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**Happy Holidays!**

19:00 PM
Midchilda Capital City Air Base
魔法少女 なのは VIVID 特別編
Nanoha and Vita are working late into the night~
All right, we'll leave today's training here!
I'm Lieutenant Vita — Aerial Combat Instructor of Division 5 Section 2.
Meet tomorrow at 11 o'clock at Building 4-B.
I'm hard at work once again today.
Thank you for today!
Yeah, good work~

Cute yet resolute Knight of the Iron Hammer and the Ace of Aces!
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藤真拓哉

Oh yeah, weren't you coming over tonight?
Yeah, Hayate-chan invited me.
This is Captain Takamachi Nanoha. I've been stuck with her for the past 14 years.
I'm driving over there. Do you want a lift?
Oh?
Thanks for the offer.

We were enemies during the "Book of Darkness Incident".
Afterwards, a bunch of stuff happened and we became co-workers — she as my superior officer and I as her subordinate
While we were working as part-timers under the HR department, they kept putting us together more than usual,
saying that our compat-ability was good.
We flew off to all sorts of places together.
Well, plenty of crazy things happened back then, too,
but that's another story entirely

In this sense, I'm grateful for the passage of time.
So nowadays, we have a pretty normal relationship.
So, back then, I honestly couldn't stand her.
She always used to treat me like a little kid for some reason.
But somewhere along the line, either she grew out of it or we just wound up acting like normal co-workers.
Midchilda Central Highway
Hey, how's Vivio?
Is it okay for you to be out this late?

Yeah~
Oh, now I see why you kept up the training session until so late.
She's at a sleepover at Corona-chan's place tonight.
It's okay.
She's grown up after having a kid, too.
Her life practically revolves around her daughter.
Making food for her, taking care of her,
leaving for work and getting home at about the same time—
all so her little girl won't ever feel lonely.
It wasn't too long ago that she was a kid herself, but she's turning out to be a great mother.

Well, I have to say,
it's pretty interesting to watch her.
I've been occasionally dreaming of the past lately—
That reminds me...
dreaming of my many "pasts".
Why don't you pull a sheet over yourself and sleep for a while?
You must be tired after a long day at work, Vita-chan.
Okey-dokey~
Wake me up when we get there.
Good idea. I might as well.

I dreamt of a war-time era.
A time when the Tome of the Night Sky was still called "The Book of Darkness".
A time when people, soldiers,
knights, nobles,
were enveloped by dark clouds.
the skies above and the hearts of people below

and the yet-to-be-named Reinforce,
Together with Signum, Shamal, Zafira,
anything we accomplished, we gained by force — the only way we knew.
Dreams of that time
are a little painful and heart-breaking.

Southern Midchilda
Yagami Household
I'm home, Hayate-chan.
Oh, we're having stew tonight?
Welcome home, Shamal.
Yeah, 'cause I figured Vita would be tired from working all day. Nanoha-chan's coming over as well~
Signum and Zafira aren't back yet?
Nope. They're still outside training with Miura-chan.
Oh, if that's the case, then...

No prob.
Thank you very much, Master and Signum-san!
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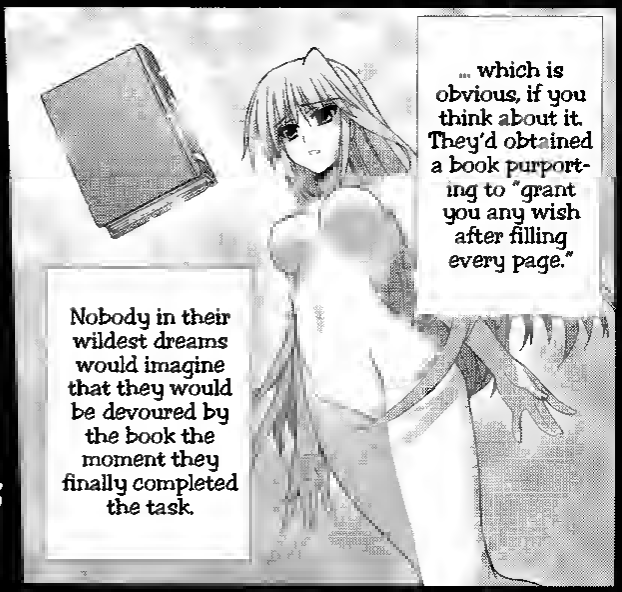
Ah... Hayate-san!
Hey guys~ Good job~
Would you like to stay for dinner?
I see, I see. You must be hungry after training that much.
Yes, we just finished!
You must be about done training, right~?
Signum-san taught me so much!
Hey, don't be so reserved.
Oh, no, I couldn't!

Eheheh... Then I will most graciously accept your kind offer!
Good! ♪
That's right~ I want you to get a load of the Yagami Family Special Stew, Miura.
There's a fun guest coming over so I thought we could have a merry get-together~
Who is this "guest" she mentioned?
Ahh... That'd be Takamachi Nanoha.
She's Vita's co-worker.
She's the one who got Vita to be a combat instructor in the first place.
By the way, she's the same rank as me.
Really!?
Vita's...? So, she's a combat instructor as well?
That's right.

It was a time when living meant battle and defeat meant losing everything.
We spent those days doing nothing but fighting as the knights of the Book of Darkness.
If we knew it would all be for naught — that it would end in nothing but "the self-destruction of our Master" —
We continued to fight and to take by force under anyone's orders.
I can't remember everything from back then due to its malfunctioning — a blessing in disguise.
Even back then, the Book of Darkness had already started to break down
I think that our hearts would've been worn away into nothingness.

If I think back to all the masters of the Book of Darkness,
It's not as if there weren't kind people as well.
some used only simple charms, while others were incredibly "powerful" in many senses of the word.
However, none of them were able to change the fate of the Book of Darkness.


... which is obvious, if you think about it. They'd obtained a book purporting to "grant you any wish after filling every page."
Nobody in their wildest dreams would imagine that they would be devoured by the book the moment they finally completed the task.

At least until we came across "The Final Master of the Night Sky."

"The Final Master of the Night Sky" was just a young girl
who knew nothing of Belka or of magic.
She was 9 years old.
And yet she was a kind Master to us knights
and to the Book of Darkness.
She didn't want great power.
She simply treated the people who had suddenly come into her life as her family.

That warmth of hers
was truly
something we would bet anything on trying to protect.

The way she broke the curse
by saying "I'll bestow a name on you"
was like magic from a fairy tale.

Of course, reality isn't a fairy tale.
Even if the cursed one was freed, the power of the curse wouldn't just disappear.
The ones who beat the curse back then were...

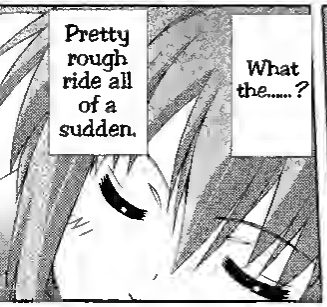
The afore-mentioned Final Master of the Night Sky
and two "friends of a friend".
Of course, we also played a role.

Although she's now left for the world beyond the sky,
And now I'm here.
Anyway, all sorts of coincidences and miracles piled up one after the other.
her desires and her soul live on in Zwei.
For now, the world is at peace.
looking down on Rein and the rest of the Yagami family with a smile.
I'm sure that she's up there somewhere,

they become, for example, doctors and academics — people who can save many thousands of others.
I couldn't agree more. When children are free to dream,
As a certain Enforcer once said, "A world where children are free to dream is best."
They give hopes and dreams to many people by working in their respective fields.
Imagining a future like that is somewhat fun in itself.

I'm sure that we're living in the future

Growing up in a world where nothing is beyond their grasp...


What the.....?
Pretty rough ride all of a sudden.

that the rulers of the past fought so hard to achieve.

Huh? We're already home?
Miura's here.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!?
Sorry, did I wake you up?
Wh-
You were fast asleep, Vita-chan.
I felt bad waking you up...
She hasn't changed since she was 9 years old.
She really is a fun person!
I tried to, but you just wouldn't wake up~
I told you to wake me up, dammit!

Ah.

Oh, hey there.
Welcome home, Vita-chan.
Welcome back, Aneki~
Aw, man! This is so damn embarrassing!
Ah. Hi there, Nanoha-chan and Miura-chan!
Thanks for having us~!
Good evening~
Wel-come~!
Please treat me kindly~
Um, I'm Miura Rinalai... I'm learning Strike Arts at the Yagami Dojo!
Ah, Nanoha-san. This is the first time you've met Miura, right?
You're a martial artist as well, right, Miura-chan? My daughter is also learning Strike Arts.
Nice to meet you, I'm Taka-machi Nanoha.
Oh, really?

Eh? You really think so?
Um, erm, I'm really nothing special at all!
You're a surprisingly capable girl, you know. You might surprise us all.
How about you try to land a single hit on her, even through image training?
S-Signum-san!
Miura, I give you permission to kick that idiot into a pulp! Cut her down and smash her to pieces!
Ehhhh?!
Good grief. I can't believe she's even screwing up the relaxing atmosphere of my own home.
Um, uh, p-p-please go easy on me~
That's awful! I won't lose~!

Ahh...
Hey there, Hayate-chan~
Thanks for having us!
Kyaa...!
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I'm home, Hayate.
I thought you were making stew!
I could tell from the great smell.
Here, Vita, say "Ahh~"
Welcome back, Vita.
It turned out well tonight, too~
This place of warmth
that I come home to, built up by the Final Master of the Night Sky...

But I want these peaceful times to go on for just a little longer.
In any case,
Yes!
We will after we say hi to the head of the family! Right~?
I thought you guys were doing image from me?
WHAT?
I'm not going to say this will last forever,
Okay.
I'm just about done making dinner, too. Vita, would you go call everyone?
I'm glad that Nanoha-chan and Miura are already getting along so well~
I'm sure the First Master is thinking the same way.
May a favourable wind blow towards the future— the Blessed Wind.
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